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BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY: THE DEATH
OF GENERAL FRANCO ENDS AN ERA IN SPANISH HISTORY. AT THIS
SOLEMN MOMENT, I OFFER MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE WIDOW
AND FAMILY OF THE CHIEF OF STATE, TO PRINCE JUAN CARLOS AND TO
THE SPANISH PEOPLE. END TEXT.

BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT: I HAVE JUST
LEARNED WITH SORROW OF THE DEATH OF GENERALISIMO FRANCISCO
FRANCO, WHO LED HIS COUNTRY FOR OVER THREE DECADES DURING A
SIGNIFICANT ERA IN SPANISH HISTORY. ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I WISH TO
EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE WIDOW OF GENERALISIMO
FRANCO, DONA CARMEN POLO DE FRANCO, TO PRINCE JUAN CARLOS,
MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF
SPAIN. WE WISH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
WELL IN THE PERIOD AHEAD. THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS PART

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WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE POLICY OF FRIENDSHIP AND

COOPERATION WHICH HAS FORMED THE TOUCHSTONE FOR THE
EXCELLENT RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
END TEXT.
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